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Interagency Group/Countermeasures

Washington, D.C. 20505

NATIONAL OPERATIONS SECURITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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30 September 1985

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Members and Invitees, NOAC

FROM:

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Acting Executive Secretary

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SUBJECT: Final Minutes of Seventh NOAC Meeting, 19 September 1985

Attached are the final minutes of the seventh NOAC meeting held on  
19 September 1985. [REDACTED]

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**SUMMARY**  
**NOAC MEETING, 19 SEPTEMBER 1985**

1. The seventh meeting of the National Operations Security Advisory Committee (NOAC) was convened at 1400 hours, 19 September 1985, by Chairman John F. Donnelly, Director, CI and Investigative Programs, Office of the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Policy). A list of attendees is attached.

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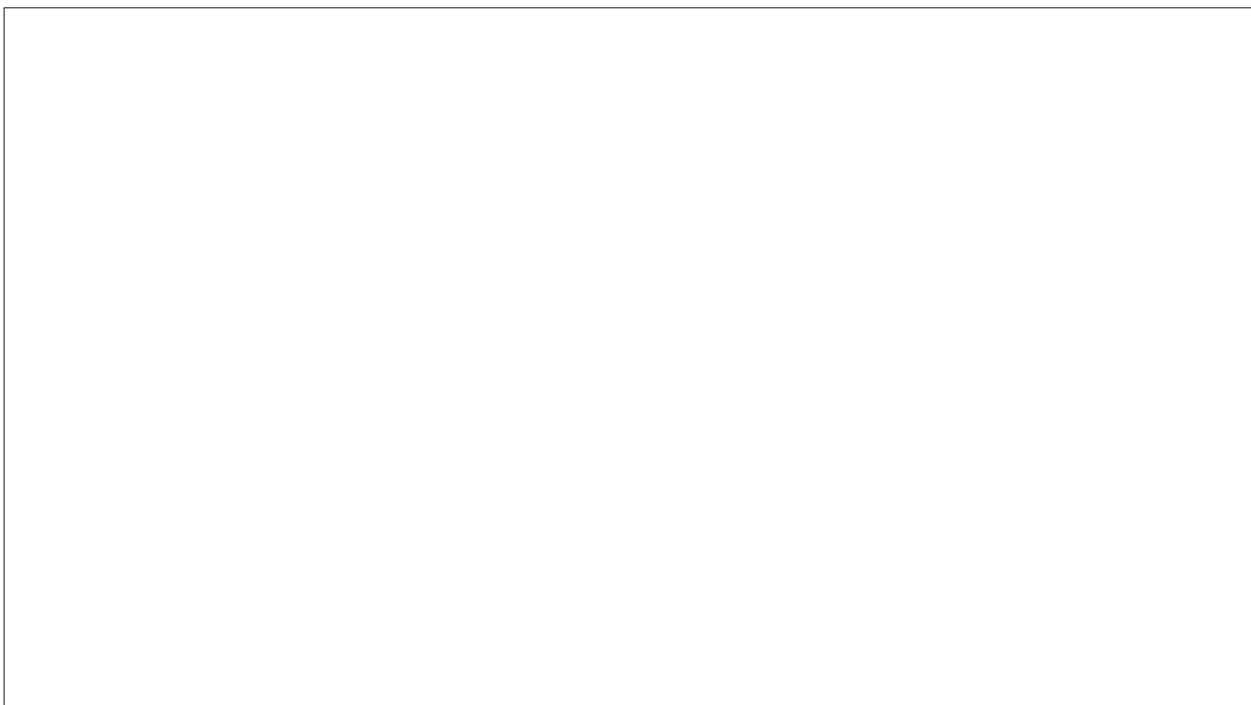
2. The Chairman indicated the purpose of the meeting was to initiate action on issues assigned to the NOAC by the IG/CM. He observed that several of the assigned issues were developed in the National Hostile Intelligence Threat Assessment of June 1985. A summary of the results of NOAC discussions on these issues follows.

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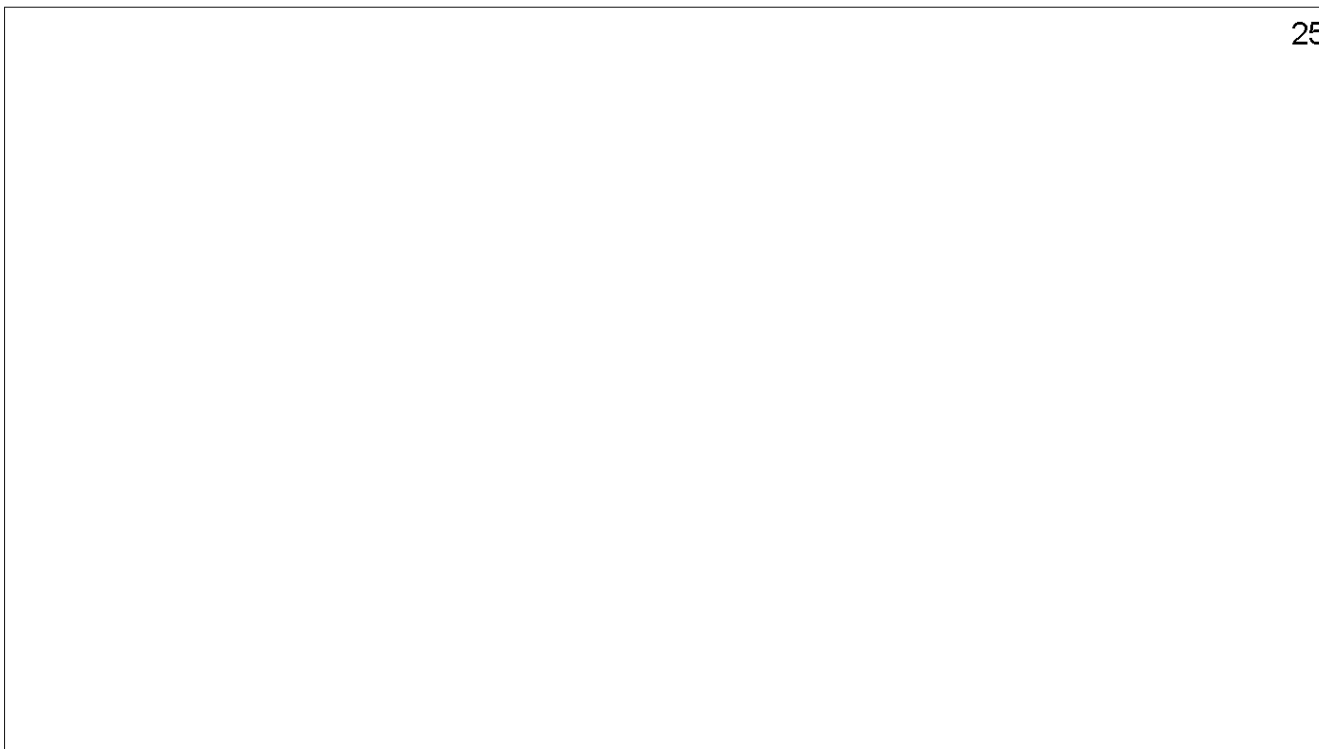
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b. OPSEC NSDD:

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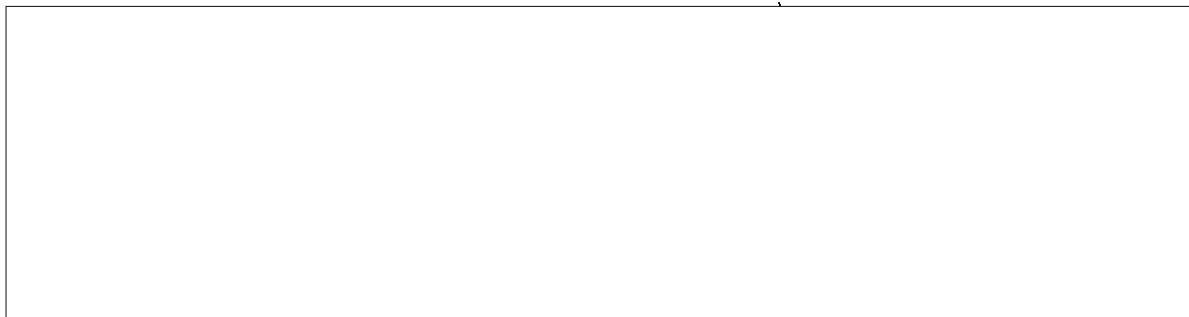
TASK: Initiate action to recall from the NSC the proposed NSDD on OPSEC. Examine the desirability of restructuring the NSDD in light of new countermeasure community experiences of working national-level OPSEC issues. Outline a course of action.

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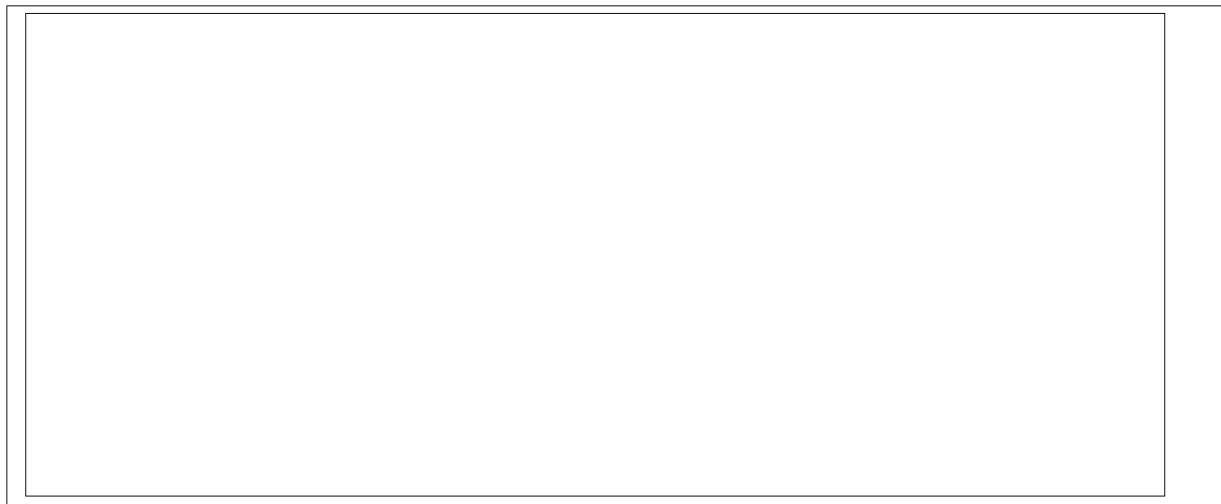
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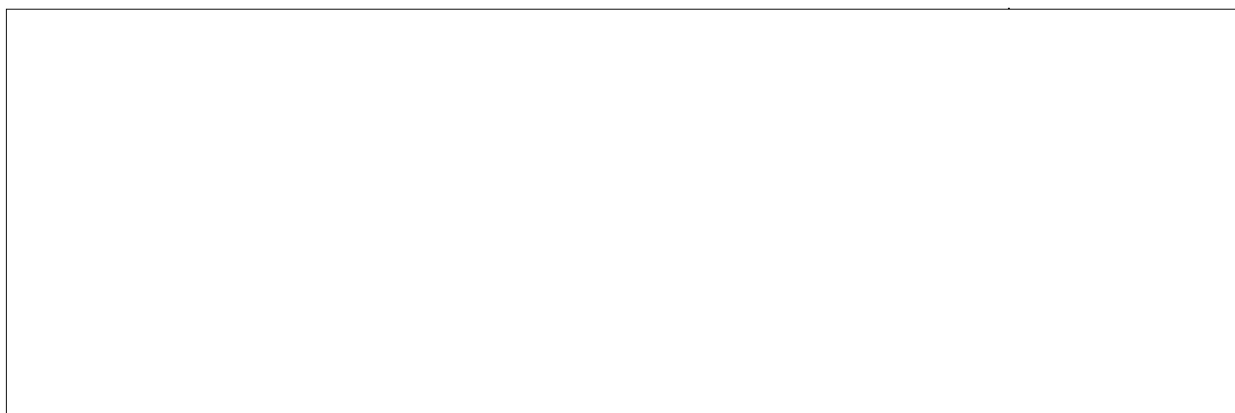
c. Technical Collection Guidelines:



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d. Counter Threat R&D Recommendations:



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e. OPSEC Course Development:

**TASK:** Coordinate agency/department responses to the NSA letter requesting assistance in the development of national-level courses of instruction on OPSEC. 

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Mr. Donnelly referred to a letter from NSA to the IG/CM which was provided to committee members with the announcement of this meeting. The letter reviewed the designation of NSA as the national OPSEC training entity and the agreement that the rest of the Community would

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assist NSA in this effort. Mr. Donnelly asked whether the respective agencies of each of the committee members were willing to participate in such an effort.

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3. The following non agenda items were covered:

a. The Chairman advised that, by the next NOAC meeting, the committee will be ready to discuss the outline of a new OPSEC manual. The outline will be distributed before the next meeting.

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b. Mr. Creighton stated that the Office of Personnel Management has considered a job description for an OPSEC officer, but their consideration has been delayed because of other pressing OPM business. Mr. Fisher stated that comments from NSA on OPSEC officer job descriptions have been submitted to Community Counterintelligence Staff of the Intelligence Community Staff. It was pointed out that comments concerning OPSEC officer job descriptions were due in July. It was further stated that any submissions concerning this question should be forwarded to the Navy, which is pursuing this problem.

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c. Colonel Christopher added that there is a problem of civil imaging capabilities and their impact on OPSEC. Major Mickler stated that this problem is being incorporated into the proposed DIA briefing.

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d. Mr. Ritchie stated that DoE will host its fifth OPSEC in Albuquerque, 29-31 October. The first day of the conference will deal with Strategic Defense Initiative OPSEC considerations. NOAC members are invited to attend.

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4. The meeting was adjourned at 1500 hours.

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ATTENDEES

NOAC MEETING, 19 SEPTEMBER 1985

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OFFICE OF  
THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

The Honorable William P. Clark  
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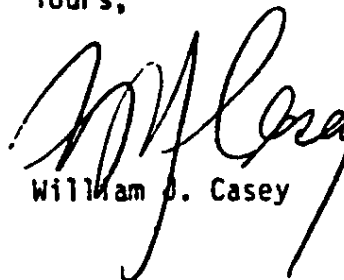
Dear Bill:

The proposed NSDD enclosed calls for establishing a National Policy for Operations Security. This proposal was prepared for the SIG(I) by the Interagency Group (Countermeasures) and is aimed at strengthening safeguards against the hostile intelligence threat. It is forwarded with my approval and endorsement.

Implementation of this measure will require departments and agencies to institute operations security (OPSEC) programs for evaluating whether classified aspects of their activities are being revealed through indicators readily apparent or available to hostile intelligence collectors. The proposal also provides that, under the aegis of the Interagency Group (Countermeasures), an Operations Security Advisory Committee be established. Chaired by a senior representative of the Secretary of Defense, this committee will have no vested authority but, in the main, will serve to (1) provide recommendations and advice as requested; and (2) coordinate operations security matters that cut across department/agency lines.

This is one of several SIG(I) actions that I had indicated previously would be emerging in the May-June timeframe. Where appropriate, such actions will be forwarded promptly to you.

Yours,

  
William P. Casey

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Proposed NSDD

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